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- 1. GREATLY APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAM IN REFERENCES A, B, C AND OTHERS.
- 2. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE TO KEEP US INFORMED IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE AS LEGISLATION PROCEEDS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IF SFRC VOTES AGAINST LIFTING THE EMBARGO, AMENDMENT CAN BE INTRODUCED ON THE FLOOR OF SENATE. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT SIMILAR ASPECTS OF PROCEDURE ON WHICH WE WOULD LIKE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE.

A. NOW THAT HIRC HAS VOTED ON 620(X) IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY FURTHER VOTING ON EMBARGO IN HIRC AS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION IS REPORTED OUT MAY 15?

B. IF SRFC VOTES TO MAINTAIN SECTION 620(X) IS IT REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD BE PROPOSED DURING FULL SENATE CONSIDERATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD HAVE REASONABLE CHANCE OF PASSAGE.
C. WHAT HAPPENS IF ONE HOUSE VOTES TO LIFT
EMBARGO AND THE OTHER TO MAINTAIN IT?

3. CYPRIOT OFFICIALS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES, LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AND OTHER DIPLOMATS CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN DETAILS OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ASPECTS

OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. ANY ADDITIONAL INFOR-
MATION ABOUT LIKELY OR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE
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